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New Brockton Council votes to provide support to town's fire department with monthly \$500 payment

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council voted Monday night, Aug. 3, to support the town's fire department with being able to meet equipment needs.

Following up on a discussion held by the council at its last work session, a motion was made and approved Monday night for the town to provide a \$500 payment per month to the New Brockton Fire Department to help the department with purchases of equipment needed to better serve the community in times of need.

The council also gave a nod to a business Monday night by voting to approve a request to allow alcohol sales for a new restaurant coming to town. Owners of The Craft Bar and Grill in Enterprise plan to open the Outpost Restaurant in New Brockton at the former location of Frogz.

Mayor Kathy Holley said the Outpost Restaurant would be open each Monday – Friday for lunch and also each Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. She said the owners had made application to be able to

have alcohol sales at the restaurant, and that request was formally approved Monday night.

Town clerk Debbie Andrews announced the town's Statement of Election for the Aug. 25th Municipal Election to be held in New Brockton. The statement noted only one candidate qualified for the office of mayor, and council seats for District One, District Three, and District Five. The statement further noted that two candidates had qualified for election in the New Brockton Council, District Four, race while no one qualified for the New Brockton Town Council, District Two race.

Following the introduction of the Statement of Election, the council approved individual resolutions to provide Certificates for "Elected Without Opposition" to Mayor Kathryn Holley; Town Council member Ronald Terry, District One; Town Council member Ralph Medley, District Three; and Town Council member Shirley Eads, District 5 for the 2020 Municipal Election.

Looking at the monthly financial report, the town

clerk noted the general fund had a balance of \$280,342 at the end of July, and income for the month had been just under \$29,000.

The council voted to allow the clerk to pay the town's regular monthly bills for the month of August estimated at just over \$17,400. The figure was estimated due to not all bills being received as of Monday night's council meeting.

Mayor Holley noted that a total of

Also during the meeting, the council approved a resolution naming the poll workers for New Brockton's Municipal Election set for Tuesday, Aug. 25th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. that day.

NOTICE:

A Mayoral Forum will be held Thursday, Aug. 20, on the square in downtown Elba at 7 p.m.

This will include all three candidates vying for the Office of Mayor in the Aug. 25, 2020 municipal election. The candidates include: Chelsea Cooper, Tim Johnson, and Tom Maddox. See Page 5 for more information.

Local youngsters kept their imaginations busy this summer with Elba Public Library reading program

The Summer Learning Program at the Elba Public Library may have been a little different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but that did not prevent local children from opening a book or books.

Gone this year were the numerous programs held at the library for children and story times with visits from different performers throughout the summer. Instead, this year the Elba Public Library provided children with activity packets each week for the 6-week program.

In each packet was at least one book, activities and supplies for children and their families to do, to go along with the theme of the book that week. STEAM Packets were also given out several weeks. In the STEAM packets children were given supplies needed to conduct a STEAM experiment at home.

Fifth and sixth graders were eligible to participate in "The Summer of Kindness." Wonder, by RJ Palacio, books were given to children and they were encouraged to choose kindness throughout the summer by doing good deeds for others.

"We had 34 children register for the Summer Learning Program," said Jennifer Amlong, Elba Public Library director. "More than 500 library books were checked out during our program."

Pre-school – Sixth grade participated in the program this year. Amlong said over 123 free books were given out to children who participated. Also, she said 79 activity packets and 51 STEAM packets were given out.

Books also were given out for children to do book reports where Amlong said the participating children could write a summary or



Hudson Wood [preschool] read a whopping total of 51 books during the Elba Public Library's Summer Learning Program. It was a family affair too as Hudson received help from his family. See additional photos on Page 10.

draw pictures of what the books taught them. She said this was a great way to put the children's imaginations to work!

All in all, Amlong said, while different, this year's Summer Reading Program for the Elba Public Library remained a huge success.

Area Happenings

Elba City Schools and Coffee County School [Zion Chapel, Kinston, and New Brockton] will all open the doors to the return of students Monday, Aug. 10, for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and safety regulations in place, each school will have certain criteria that must be followed for the return of students to the classroom. Be sure to check with the proper school for any information on their individual "Plan for Reopening" if that information has not previously been provided.

Due to the current Safer-at-Home Order in place for Alabama that requires facial coverings in public buildings, face masks are required for students ages Second Grade through the 12 Grade at the schools.



This chalk art creation by local teen Melanie Diehl, a Zion Chapel student, was created recently in front of the law office of Alyse Fowler on the square in Elba. It is one of many created by Diehl in Elba over the past few months, and while she says it is hard to pick a favorite, Melanie admitted this might be it for now. See more on Page 9.

Local teen 'chalking it up' around Elba's downtown square and more

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Animated characters began showing up on the sidewalks around the square in downtown Elba and other areas earlier this summer in the form of pop-up chalk art scenes, courtesy of local teenager – Melanie Diehl.

"I've always enjoyed drawing," Diehl said. "My granddad was really good at drawing. My stepdad is a tattoo artist, and my mom is talented also."

She said she began drawing and painting last summer, and her love for art has only grown.

When chalk art became a popular thing during the COVID-19 quarantine earlier this year, Diehl said her dad, Shawn Diehl, suggested she do it. She had watched YouTube videos on the art and decided to give it a shot.

So...to downtown Elba Melanie and Dad came around early June. Since then, Diehl chalk art creations have steadily garnered attention and fans. She said she has even started getting special requests for her chalk art.

"I just figured this would be some fun to do after work, school, etc., and it is a great way to spend time with my dad," Diehl said. "Dad has been my biggest supporter so far. He has been buying out all the chalk around here, and he

just upgraded my supplies."

Dad's support has been a huge part of Melanie's growing fan base as Dad keeps his friends and others updated on Melanie's creations via his social media Facebook posts. One recent post from Shawn read, "What can I say if she wants to chalk then daddy goes chalking!"

Diehl said the growing attention has been great too, but she admits that she is her biggest critic; therefore, it is hard for her to pick out 'favorites' from her work. However, she did admit to really liking a scene she chalked on the square in front of the law office of Alyse Fowler (Simmons Street side) of the lightning bug [Ray the Firefly] from "The Princess and the Frog".

The soon-to-be 17-year-old said she has enjoyed drawing and creating the art scenes so much so that, "If I was to go to college, I would love to go to art school. I am self-taught right now."

Diehl said the available



Melanie Diehl says she has loved creating chalk art around the square in Elba this summer.

spots for more chalk art around the downtown square in Elba are growing smaller, but she said she still has some new ideas for other spots. Also, she said she is now working to piece the art she had done together and have more of a theme to it.

Also, she said she and her dad have been thinking about expanding her chalk art creations to nearby Troy as well.

While the public interest in Diehl's artwork has been exciting to her, she said more than anything she is just enjoying having fun and spending time with her dad. However, she said the special requests that have started to come in are super cool too!

"I've had a few people ask me to come chalk at their houses," Diehl said. "And, someone wants me to do a birthday chalk drawing."

Diehl said she looks forward to continuing to create the chalk art here locally. Anyone interested in following her work can do so on Instagram at mel.yeah.art [and she said dad will most likely keep posting too on his personal Facebook page].

Melanie said she also will accept requests for her chalk art at the mel.yeah.art Instagram page. Just send her a message.

To get a firsthand look at Melanie Diehl's chalk art, just take a walk around the sidewalks of Elba's downtown square.



Alabama Farmers Federation employees Russ Durrance and Marlee Moore (right) delivered the Bama's Best Pulled Pork championship plaque and a cash prize last Thursday, July 30, to Elba's JJ's BBQ. Accepting the winnings were owner Chequita Walker along with her daughter Amber and son Josiah [the restaurant's namesake].

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them. — Ann Landers

Family gatherings, reunions, parties, etc., have been associated with far too many cases of COVID-19. Experts are citing case after case of large groups (15 to 35) and even a dinner party for six in one state are causing many, if not all, of the new cases of the virus. The party of six at the dinner party led to one death and another on life support. One family gathering where all thought they were free of the virus now gets credit for 41 cases with the original group transmitting to others who then transmitted it down the road. Oh, and the Texas guy who laughed it off as a Democrat hoax and insisted on a family gathering, joined several other family members in a hospital ward, and said to his fellow patients, "I am sorry." He probably is truly sorry, but that will not cure this deadly virus! Be careful, Be safe, Wash your hands, Wear your mask. Sure you may get laughed at, etc., but don't let that stop you from trying to stay alive promise the funny guys a get-well card when they are in the hospital! Then move on and pray that you have covered all your bases.

We personally know a family (like over 60 years) that insisted on holding their annual family reunion at the beach several weeks ago. Well the grandpa of that group died in a Dothan hospital several days ago with COVID 19. His wife, 'almost' a cousin of ours, only got to see him in his very last hours in the hospital, which is always very taxing on close family members.

Fellow citizens who are grumbling about being forced to wear a mask and saying, "it is unconstitutional" or "it violates my rights as a citizen", need to read up on the federal court decisions on that matter. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of such rules when it benefits society as a whole or something like that. In other words, yes they can pass laws to protect you and me if we will not protect ourselves!!!

A personal friend and long-time reader of The Elba Clipper mailed in his renewal check last week with a note asking if he could get a reduced rate by promising NOT to read 'Brainstorms'. That question has rolled around in our head for several days and the answer probably should be an offer for a reduced rate if he WOULD read Brainstorms and adopt a fair number of our ideas as his own! The world would probably be a better place and of course we believe he would actually be a better person! That advice is free and it is your move old buddy of mine :-)

The 203 Bypass is slowly, oh so slowly, moving toward completion. Right now it appears that when work on the upgrading of the older 2-lane part of the bypass gets done, they will actually be finished! When this 4-laning project was announced years ago, the late Drexel Cook said, "Cox, you and I will not live to see that project completed." We scoffed at that idea, but he was at least half right - he passed away. Then who knows how much longer it will take to actually complete the work or how much longer this old guy has on this earth. However, I still scoff at the thought that neither of us will see it finished.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, July 21, and Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, JULY 28 – Suspicious person reported in area of 595 Collier St (6:56 a.m.); Animal complaint reported from 4675 Hwy 84 (8:27 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 669 Reynolds Ave (9:54 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 669 Reynolds Ave (10:19 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Lee St (10:35 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 579 Johnson St (2:50 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (6:18 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 145 Russell St in Kinston (3:55 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (8:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 331 County Rd 367 (12:22 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 342 N Court St (2:42 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (3:42 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Forest Ave (6:47 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with one warning issued and one no action taken.

THURSDAY, JULY 30 – Criminal mischief re-

ported at Mike's Gym on Factory Ave (8:46 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Harper Dr (9:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 322 Davis St E (10:01 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (11:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 627 Lee St (1:27 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at the Riviera Motel on Yelverton Ave (10:16 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of County Rd 404 (10:48 p.m.). There were three traffic stops reported with a warning issued on all.

FRIDAY, JULY 31 – Report of shots fired in area of 1647 Reese Ave (12:59 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 839 Troy Hwy (8:41 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on County Rd 474 in Kinston (8:56 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 737 Lee St (10:05 a.m.); Animal complaint on Gray St (12:48 p.m.); Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (2:10 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Reese Ave (3:26 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1277 Neil Grantham Dr (6:14 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 711 Buford St (8:22 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 418 Moore Ave (10:33 p.m.); Prowler reported in area of Neil Grantham Dr

(11:58 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported with a warning issued.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1 – Suspicious person reported at 1620 Boswell St (1:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1013 Hickman Ave (10:08 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Davis St E – vehicle located and driver given a verbal warning (12:34 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 1210 Whitman St (12:41 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Hwy 84 (6:08 p.m.); Assault reported at 6445 Hwy 125 (8:10 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported with one warning issued and one report taken.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2 – Traumatic injury reported at 248 Larkin Rd (12:41 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at the Elba Car Wash on Hickman Ave (3:49 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Burger King on Claxton Ave (3:57 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 237 County Rd 223, New Brockton (10:03 a.m.); Dis-

turbance reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (7:24 p.m.).

MONDAY, AUG. 3 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 87 (12:40 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 213 Taylor Ave (1:05 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 490 County Rd 263 (11:05 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1211 Caroline St (11:54 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 144 Hwy 203 (3:58 p.m.). here was one traffic stop resulting in a warning.

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LBW Community College announces Fall plan

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College (LBWCC) will welcome students back for the fall semester on August 17 with a modified instructional schedule, including on-campus courses delivered in a hybrid or traditional format if space allows.

All courses will transition to online instruction Nov. 20.

The maximum enrollment occupancy for each classroom will be reduced as needed to maintain a minimum physical distance of six feet. Courses with room enrollments over the maximum number allowed for social distancing will be delivered in a hybrid format.

"We want to make sure

every precaution is in place to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students," said LBWCC Interim President, Dr. Chris Cox.

LBWCC will require all students, employees, visitors and entities utilizing the College's facilities to wear face coverings for all face-to-face interactions, along with other necessary personal protective equipment.

Disinfection measures will be taken routinely to disinfect workplace surfaces, chairs, tables, general use areas, etc. to protect employees, students and the general public. Temperature checks of all individuals entering buildings will be done with non-contact thermometers.

Guidelines for students residing in on-campus housing will include temperature checks and questionnaire protocols.

Each available course contains an online component through the Canvas learning system. In the event that in-person classes must close due to the pandemic or other event, all course instruction will be delivered in an online format. As in previous semesters, LBWCC will also offer a variety of online courses to meet the needs of students.

Fall semester will begin August 17. Students may view the course schedule and register for classes online at lbwcc.edu.

For questions, please call 334-222-6591.

Governor Ivey announces \$100 million small business grant program to 'Revive Alabama'

Governor Kay Ivey recently announced the Revive Alabama grant program to support small businesses in Alabama that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Revive Alabama will reimburse small businesses up to a combined \$100 million for expenses they have incurred due to operational interruptions caused by the pandemic and related business closures.

"In many ways, our small businesses were hit the hardest from the coronavirus pandemic," Governor Ivey said. "Ensuring these owners have every opportunity to recoup expenses incurred due the disruption of

business is essential to getting our economy roaring once again."

Alabama received approximately \$1.9 billion of CARES Act funding to respond to and mitigate the coronavirus pandemic. Alabama Act 2020-199 designated up to \$300 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund for individuals, businesses, non-profit and faith-based organizations directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Qualifying businesses may receive up to \$15,000 to reimburse these expenses if they have not received federal assistance for the corresponding item they are claiming with the state of Alabama. There is no set cap on the number of

businesses that may be awarded a Revive Alabama Small Business Grant. Grants will be awarded to qualifying applicants on a first-come-first-served basis until the funds are exhausted.

Business owners may access the grant application through the Alabama Department of Revenue's (ALDOR) Revive Alabama website. The application period for the Revive Alabama Small Business Grant Program will open at noon on July 16, 2020 and run through midnight on July 25, 2020.

All applicants must first establish a secure My Alabama Taxes (MAT) account to protect their personal and business information on submitted applications. Small businesses are encouraged to start this process as soon as possible in advance of the application period opening. Each applying business must have its own MAT account to apply for a Revive Alabama Small Business Grant. Tax preparers may not apply for grants on behalf of their clients but may be able to assist potential applicants with information needed to establish their own MAT accounts.

PEGGY JOYCE BOUTWELL

Mrs. Peggy Joyce Boutwell, age 81, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, July 30, 2020, at her home.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Diana White and Rev. Donald E. Burns officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Covenant Community Church, 332 Simmons Street, Elba, AL 36323. Hayes Funeral Home directed the services.

Mrs. Boutwell was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Boutwell; two sons, Charles Timothy "Tim" Boutwell and Derrick Laron Boutwell; along with her parents, Sallie Belle Marler and Wayne Golden "Goat" Marler.

Survivors include her son: Jeff (Dixie) Boutwell, Elba; daughter: Brandy Boutwell, Elba; sister: Jeanette Rosenbaum, Reston, Va.; along with five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his sons: Cleveland Bertrand "Bert" Reeves (Amy), New Brockton, and Jessie O'Neal Reeves, Jack, Ala.; sister: Fay Chancey, Enterprise; granddaughter: Madison Reeves, New

FRANCES LUVENIA FOUNTAIN

Mrs. Frances Luvenia Fountain, age 78, of Flower Mountain, Texas died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, after a long illness.

Born to William E. and Sarah Frances (Sanders) Hudson on Sept. 15, 1941 in Coffee County, Alabama, Frances moved to Texas in 1984 after marrying Dennis C. Fountain who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents and four older brothers - James, Charlie, Hubert, and J.W.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, at 10 a.m. with burial immediately to follow in the

Nat Community Cemetery, Nacogdoches, Texas, with Dickie Allen Funeral Home of Cushing, Texas directing.

Survivors include her daughter: Sherry Waldon Wells, Port Neches Texas; grandchildren: Ciara Umbrell (Ethan), Quitman Texas, Rebekah Wells (Adrian Woodard), Cleveland Texas, and Hudson Wells, Port Neches; great-grandchildren: Cohen and Camden Umbrell; and many nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

CLEVELAND JUNIOR REEVES

Mr. Cleveland Junior Reeves, age 78, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died Saturday, August 1, 2020, at his sister's home Enterprise, Ala.

A private burial was held at Meadowlawn Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested those wishing to make memorials to do so to the Alabama Masonic Home.

Mr. Reeves was preceded in death by his parents, Allie Doris Reeves and William O'Neal Reeves, along with a sister, Dot Whitehead.

Survivors include his sons: Cleveland Bertrand "Bert" Reeves (Amy), New Brockton, and Jessie O'Neal Reeves, Jack, Ala.; sister: Fay Chancey, Enterprise; granddaughter: Madison Reeves, New

Brockton; and grandsons: Tyson Holder, and Michael Holder, both of New Brockton.

BARBARA JEAN TURNER

Ms. Barbara Jean Turner, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died unexpectedly Tuesday morning, Aug. 4, 2020, at her sister's home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

LONNIE RAY COLEMAN

Mr. Lonnie Ray Coleman, age 67, of Elba, Ala., died July 27, 2020.

He was born in Coffee County Alabama on April 28, 1953 to the late Sammie David Magwood and Della Coleman Magwood.

Graveside services were held Aug. 3, 2020 at Evergreen Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Lonnie was preceded in death by two brothers, John E. Coleman, and Willie David Magwood; one sister, Mary Ann Jordan; and one daughter, LaTwan Busha Coleman.

Survivors include his wife: Mary A. Coleman, one daughter: Alka (Kevin) Smith, Elba; three sons: Jason (Joyce) Coleman, and Dennis Coleman, both of Palm Beach, Fla., and Tyronne Coleman, Montgomery, Ala.; two brothers: Oscar (Catrine) Coleman Jr., Elba, Lester Willis (Debra) Magwood Ozark, Ala., two sisters: Evelyn Barrette, Orlando, Fla., and Emma J. Carter, Niagara Falls, NY; eight grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, five stepchildren: Charles (Denise) Hill, Randy (Ginnie Mae) Hill, Barbara Hill, Jimmy (Samantha) Morris, and Tracy Morris, 11 step grandchildren, 28 step great-grandchildren, six brothers-in-laws, and nine sisters-in-law; and a host of loving nephews and nieces, cousins, and friends.

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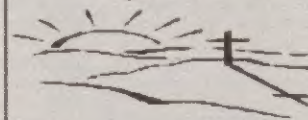
The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

There is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921 for availability. Temporary library hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

Cuzin Lou Lou just about spit her coffee out one day last week when she came across a headline noting a male state school board member had made a public comment on the governor's weight!

"What in the name of Yonder?!?!" Lou Lou exclaimed. "That has absolutely nothing to do with the matter at hand! Ridiculous!"

Sister was certain something was wrong with Lou Lou after hearing her profound shriek of discontent, so, she came running!

"What has happened?" Sister asked in concern.

Lou Lou explained how the Alabama School Board member - a Mr. Wayne Reynolds - had commented during a live stream of the governor's press conference last Wednesday morning that "she is gaining weight" in reference to Governor Ivey's appearance on camera.

"How dare he say such a thing!" Lou Lou was indignant.

Sister too was appalled by the "observation" as Reynolds would call it in an interview. She didn't fly off the handle quite as quickly as Lou Lou, but she agreed the comment was unnecessary.

Mr. Reynolds was further quoted as saying, "She looked heavy in that white suit, yes. I don't know what she weighs. I don't know how much she weighs. I just made an observation."

"Holy moly!" Lou Lou said as she tried to calm her nerves from reading the comments. "The nerve of that man!"

Lou Lou was just about to delve into a full-blown counter reaction in support of the governor, when reading a little further into the article clearly revealed Governor Ivey of the Great State of Alabama can still hold her own when it comes to such matters! The governor's response quickly calmed the seas and made Lou Lou laugh out loud [LOL as the young folks would

say]

"A lady never discusses her age or her figure - a true gentleman doesn't either," the governor responded!

"You go, girl!" was Lou Lou's reaction to Governor Ivey response!

Later on...Reynolds did apologize indicating his initial response was to acknowledge the governor looks healthy after recovering from her cancer treatment and that he was glad to see her doing so well. He said he too was a cancer survivor, which makes him aware of the toll cancer treatment can take on the body, so thriving after cancer treatment is a good thing."

Good come back, Lou Lou conceded. But...that could have been said to begin with and avoided the 'misinterpretation' of his original comment.

While Lou Lou is always happy to hear of anyone recovering from the "big C", she's still got a lingering feeling the follow up comment was Mr. Reynolds save face apology after jumping directly off into a hot pot of grease! Next time, maybe he will think his comments through more thoroughly before posting them in a public venue. Or...better yet...not comment at all! Like mama always said... "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all!"

Until next time...God Bless, Keep Smiling and DO NOT talk about a lady's weight!

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This is a common conundrum: You wish to pay your respects to a deceased loved one or ancestor and you know which cemetery they are buried in. What you don't know is exactly where their gravesite is located - and in vast, sprawling cemeteries, this can post a big logistical problem. The question is, who can you ask to help you find the grave you are looking for? Is it proper etiquette to contact the cemetery owner or operator to provide you with some direction?

The short answer to this question is yes, though you may not need to speak with a cemetery owner directly. These days, a lot of cemeteries have websites where you can get the lay of the land and develop some sense of where your loved one is buried. Often, this is the quickest way to find the information you're looking for.

But if the cemetery doesn't have a website, or you still need assistance, it's perfectly fine to contact the cemetery's owner or operator. It's best to gather some key information before you do so, however - including the full name of the deceased and if possible, the year of their birth and the year of their death. This simply helps the cemetery owner to locate your loved one more quickly.

An alternative is to reach out to the local funeral home; even if it's not affiliated with the cemetery in question, it may have access to records that show where your loved one is buried.

In short, there's always a way to identify the final resting place of your loved one, so never hesitate to ask!

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH NEWS

Governor Ivey announces \$50 million grant program to support non-profit and faith-based organizations

Governor Kay Ivey on Thursday announced a \$50 million grant program to support nonprofit and faith-based organizations who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Alabama

Nonprofit Grant Program and the Alabama Faith-Based Grant Program will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis up to a \$25 million aggregate cap in each program.

"Nonprofits and faith-based organizations are truly the backbone of our great state," Governor Kay Ivey said. "Alabama relies on these entities to be equipped to serve our communities in ways where the state is either unable or incapable of doing so. Unfortunately, many of these groups often have a hard time keeping critical funds flowing in normal circumstances, and the pandemic has exponentially increased their struggle to remain operational. It is simply the right thing to do for our state to ensure Alabama nonprofits and faith-based organizations can recover in

order to benefit the citizens they serve."

Administered through the Department of Finance, the state of Alabama will offer cash grants in an amount up to \$15,000 per Alabama-based nonprofit and faith-based entity that meet eligibility requirements.

Alabama received approximately \$1.9 billion of federal Coronavirus Aid,

Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to respond to and mitigate COVID-19. Alabama Act 2020-199 designated up to \$300 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to be used to support citizens, businesses, and non-profit and faith-based organizations of the state directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

Annual business meeting held recently for the Zoar Cemetery

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery was held Saturday, July 25, at 10 a.m. in the Morrow Hall building, located on County Road 331.

A financial report was given and project work outlined for 2020-2021.

Anyone having loved ones or friends buried in Zoar Cemetery who did not attend the meeting is urged

to contribute to the upkeep of the cemetery by personal and financial support. Memorial donations may also be given to Zoar Cemetery.

Contributions, payable to the Zoar Cemetery Association Inc., can be mailed to the secretary, Joe Hodge, at 3631 County Road 306, Elba, Alabama 36323.

All assistance is greatly appreciated.

Homecoming at Basin Baptist Church will be Sunday, Aug. 9

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Highway 189 S, Elba, Ala., will hold its annual Homecoming worship service on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m.

Due to the ongoing safety regulations in place for the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Homecoming will be limited to the service only. There will be no lunch to

follow.

Social distancing measures will continue to be in place inside the church building, and all are asked to wear facial coverings upon entering and exiting the building.

If the sanctuary fills because of the social distancing measures in place, the fellowship hall also will be open with the service transmitted via audio to that building.

The service will be uploaded to the church's Facebook page (@Basin Baptist Church) later in the day on Sunday for those who prefer to watch from home due to the ongoing pandemic.

Elba, Alabama Chamber...

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Round and About with Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Let all people praise the Lord. [Psalm 117: 1-2] Praise the Lord!

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Marcus Fitch, Gladys Deese, Shamba Jones, Rick Sampson, Judge Dwight Johnson, Gary Black, Roy L. Fitch Family, Min. Joyce B. Johnson, RHMCB Family, SMBC Family

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Gavin Respress 7/23
Shannon Grizzell 7/23
Briana Tillis 7/23
Mike Rowe 7/24
Kobie Gray 7/24
Inez B. Long 7/25
Monique Hutchinson 7/25
Maggie D. Marshall 7/26
Kathleen Johnson Harris 7/26
Yolanda Reynolds 7/26
Gladys Lane Mincey 7/26 (in memory)
Willis Bruton 7/27 (in memory)

cesses, but God often has to prod them into action.

Where do we fit in this picture? Are we willing to serve but wanting the credit, or humble but reluctant to serve? The story of Gideon teaches us a lesson about the kind of people whom God can use. — C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 7/30/20

True or False

Q: Due to His promise to Jacob, God delivered Lot?

A: False, Genesis 19: 29

Q: Eli mistakenly thought Hannah was drunk?

A: True, 1 Samuel 1: 14

Q: God guided Israel through the wilderness with miraculous signs?

A: True, Numbers 14: 14

Thought to Remember
Sin, when it is finished brings forth Death

Questions for the Week of 8-6-20

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Name the four types of soil where the seed fell in Jesus' parable...

Q: Christians are _____ by the precious blood of Christ.

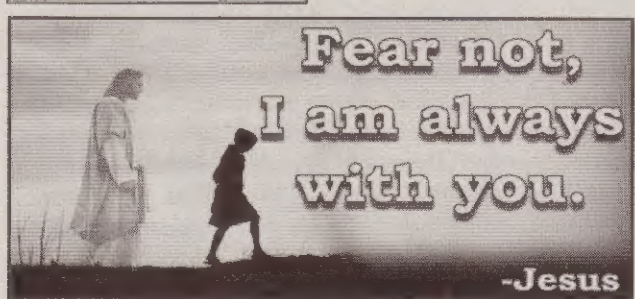
Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Please let us share your church news here!

Due on Mondays!

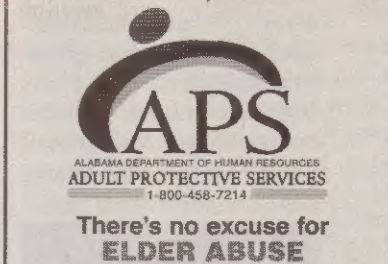
Email Linda at: clipperace@troycable.net or call (334) 897-2823



1 OUT OF 10 ELDERLY PERSONS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE BEING: Abused, Neglected or Exploited

If you suspect this is happening to someone you know, please report it to Adult Protective Services by contacting your local DHR office or calling the ADULT ABUSE HOTLINE at 1-800-458-7214

HELP STOP THE ABUSE IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT



There's no excuse for ELDER ABUSE

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
Richard Thoma Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remona Smith
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m.
Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lavelle Martin, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT. CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting ... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winsted, Pastor
Sunday School ... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT. CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service ... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Devey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olivia Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed ... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 a.m.
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 a.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Pratise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship ... 12:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon ... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class ... 7:30 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service ... 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Tommy Green, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Motley, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

LIFESTYLES

Deadline to register to vote in upcoming municipal election is Aug. 10th

Secretary of State John H. Merrill extended the opportunity for anyone concerned about COVID-19 to apply for and cast an absentee ballot for the upcoming municipal elections.

At the request of the Alabama League of Municipalities on behalf of all Alabama municipalities scheduled to hold an election in 2020, Merrill authorized anyone concerned about contracting or spreading COVID-19 to cast an absentee ballot in order to avoid the polls on Election Day.

Any qualified voter who determines it is impossible or unreasonable to vote at their polling place shall be eligible to check the box on the absentee ballot application that is most applicable to that individual. State law allows the Secretary of State to issue absentee voting guidance during declared states of emergency, allowing Secretary Merrill to encourage voters to check the box which reads as follows (in the case none of the boxes are appropriate):

Mayoral Forum set for Thursday evening, Aug. 20, in downtown Elba

The Elba Clipper and Elba Chamber of Commerce announce a jointly sponsored Elba Mayoral Forum set for Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. on the courthouse square in downtown Elba.

The Mayoral Forum will feature all three candidates (Chelsea Cooper, Tim Johnson and Tom Maddox) vying for the office of mayor in Elba. Each candidate will be allowed 5-minutes for opening statements followed by a question and answer segment. The forum will conclude with final comments from the candidate.

The moderator for the Elba Mayoral Forum will be Ferrin Cox, publisher of The Elba Clipper.

The Elba Mayoral Forum

is open to the public to attend. It will be held outdoors due to ongoing COVID-19 safety measures, and all recommended safety guidelines will be in place.

For those not wanting to attend in person, the forum will be delivered live on The Elba Clipper Facebook page and the Elba Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Also, the video will be uploaded to The Elba Clipper website shortly after the conclusion of the event.

The forum will be no longer than one hour.

"With three quality candidates seeking the office of mayor in Elba, we felt a forum would be a wonderful opportunity for citizens to get-to-know the candi-

"I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls. [ID REQUIRED]"

"We appreciate the Secretary of State's Office collaborating with ALM to address these extraordinary circumstances as we head into municipal elections," said Greg Cochran, League of Municipalities Executive Director. "Ensuring all Alabamians have a voice through their vote is imperative to the success of our state."

For the August 25 municipal elections, the deadline to register to vote is Monday, August 10, the deadline to submit an absentee ballot application is Thursday, August 20, and the deadline to hand-deliver an absentee ballot is the close of business Monday, August 24. If an absentee ballot is returned by mail, it must be postmarked by August 24 and received by noon on August 25.

If necessary, runoff elections will be held on Tuesday, October 6.

dates better and learn a bit more about their agenda if elected," said Linda Hodge, editor of The Elba Clipper. "I am especially excited about the question and answer portion of the forum as

it will allow us, as citizens, to see how each candidate responds under pressure."

The forum is set for five days prior to the election on Tuesday, Aug. 25th.

Karizmah Magwood graduates from Troy

On Friday July 24, 2020, Karizmah Yelverton Magwood participated in one of three Commencement Services held at Troy University due to COVID-19.

Karizmah received her Bachelor's of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies; education, diversity & literacy, and social science.

Karizmah said her education journey has not been easy; however, thanks to a strong support system throughout the Wiregrass: Montgomery County Schools, Coffee County Schools, Elba City Schools, Enterprise State Community College, Troy University, and Community Action



Karizmah Yelverton Magwood

Partnership, she was able to finish strong with their support.

Dylan Moulton receives Tiger Award from Northeast Mississippi athletics

Seven student-athletes received Northeast Mississippi Community College's most prestigious prize for upholding the elite standards of its athletic department.

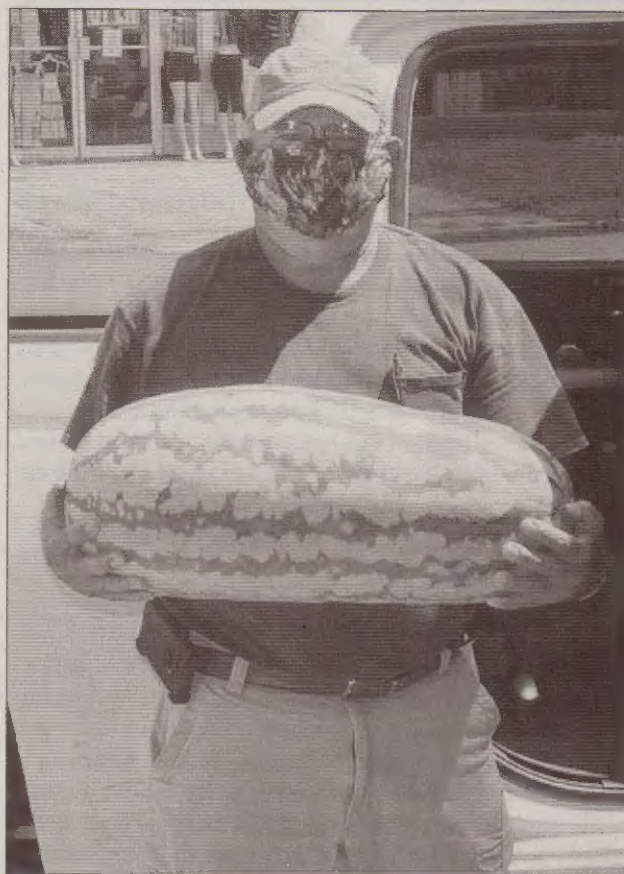
Northeast selected the winners of its Tiger Awards, which are given annually to one athlete from each sports program that represents their team and the institution as a whole in a positive manner both on-and-off the field or court of competition.

Among the honorees was Kinston High School graduate Dylan Moulton. He was a key part of golf's resurgence at Northeast following a two-year hiatus. He helped the Tigers attain a top 15 national ranking from Golfstat.

The Elba, Ala., native was the lone sophomore on Northeast's roster during the 2019-20 campaign. He led the Tigers and placed eighth in the Magnolia State with an average of 75.67 shots per round.

"Dylan was our leader and it showed on the course," Northeast headman Derek DeVaughn said. "He had a big impact for us not only as a player, but also as a person. If you asked him to do anything, he'd do it. He's going to be missed."

The Tiger Award is sponsored each year by the Northeast Alumni Association. It has been a tradition since the institution first started intercollegiate competition in the late 1940s.



THAT'S A LOT OF WATERMELON! Ted Vignola recently stopped by The Elba Clipper office to show off this over 65 pound watermelon he grew in his garden this summer.

Coffee County Schools assistance in identifying all persons with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

Parents of a child with disabilities, or those who know of someone who is disabled, are asked to contact the principal of the local school or the special education coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Contacts for the Coffee County School System include:

Tami Crosby, Special Services Coordinator, 334-897-5016

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Danny Branch, Principal, Kinston School, 334-565-3016

Holli Richardson, Principal, New Brockton Elementary, 334-894-6152

Alonzo Barkley, Principal, New Brockton High, 334-894-2350

Matt Barton, Principal, Zion Chapel School, 334-897-6275

Coffee County Conservation District meeting set for Aug. 13th

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. Space is limited due to COVID-19 safety procedures in place; therefore, if planning to attend call 334-894-5581 ext. 3 ahead of time.

Elba native to perform in Big River musical at Flowers Center in Ozark

Mark Twain's story of the adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Big River, will be presented Aug. 14th and 15th at Flowers Center in Ozark, Ala. in three performances.

There will be a Saturday afternoon matinee. Showtimes are Friday night [Aug. 14] at 7 p.m., Saturday afternoon [Aug. 15] at 2 p.m. and Saturday night at 7 p.m.

This show is about the amazing friendship between Huckleberry and Jim (a former slave). This is about their travels down the river on a raft.

The music is written by Roger Miller. Mark Twain's novel was adapted for the stage by William Haptman.

Tim Wells, from Las Vegas, Nevada, will be performing the character Jim. He first performed this role at Flowers Center in 1990. He was stationed at Fort Rucker and during the play, several generals observed his talent and sent his family to Washington DC to be a part of an elite singing

group for the United States Army. He got to travel the world singing for dignitaries until his retirement.

Wells has been given the key to the city of Ozark, because Ozark was so proud that he was part of the community for a short while.

Also appearing in the show will be Elba native and Zion Chapel graduate, Foyel Brunson, as Pap Finn. This is a reprisal role.

Brunson has appeared in over 40 shows in the last several years.

Tickets are on sale at Flowers Center each Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets also can be purchased by sending a check made out DCPAC mailed to Margie Benson, 725 East Broad Street, Ozark AL 36360; or Call 334-467-1911 and leave a message about personal information for a ticket. Ticket price is \$20 each. The only service charge will be for those purchasing with a credit card.

Wayne Farms, Alabama Community College System launch workforce development program

Fierce competition for skilled employees has prompted Wayne Farms and the Alabama Community College System to develop the state's first accredited workforce development apprenticeship program.

The education and industry partnership between Wayne Farms and two area community colleges was developed to focus on hard-to-fill mechanical, electrical and technical positions. The matching programs at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and Enterprise State Community College will work directly with Wayne Farms to implement the new Mechatronics degree, with students completing a two-year syllabus of classroom instruction in tandem with on-the-job paid technical internships.

According to Matt Rodgers, president of Enterprise State Community College, "Community colleges play a critical role in workforce development because we must see workforce needs and ensure our students are highly trained and certified to meet those needs."

Wayne Farms has grown significantly in South Alabama over the last few years, regionally investing more than \$300 million in a

new feed mill in Ozark and expanded processing complexes in Enterprise and Dothan. The equipment and technology upgrades have transformed the facilities into modern, technology-driven operations, demanding a much deeper skillset than poultry plant maintenance work has traditionally required.

"As this industry has become more sophisticated, we need people with the skills and training necessary to perform in that environment," said Patricia Powell, Wayne Farms South Alabama HR Manager. "Maintenance positions in a modern facility like ours are hard to staff—the demand is always high."

Wayne Farms Maintenance Manager Roger Allen oversees the industry-education partnership locally for the company, and agreed that highly skilled, technically-oriented maintenance positions are some of the hardest in the industry to fill.

"Plants have become very technical—robotics, automation, PLC's, and Variable Frequency Drives—so we worked with the schools to develop a program that could meet the need better than on-the-job training alone," Allen said.

"Today, there is a critical need for employees with technology-focused skills, so we are proud to offer a Mechatronics program that provides essential training in electrical, mechanical, and computer engineering and the opportunity to receive industry-recognized NC3 Certifications. We are excited to join LBW and the Alabama Community College System in partnering with Wayne Farms to not only develop a pipeline that connects our students to successful careers but also fills a need in our local workforce," continued ESCC's Rodgers.

The dual-purpose apprenticeship is fully-accredited and helps fill the industry demand for qualified applicants while also fulfilling the college system's role as partner with the state's Alabama Works economic development program, helping drive regional employment and

economic growth.

"We're excited to meet the needs of industry and provide an opportunity for our students to 'earn while they learn' through a competency based apprenticeship where they will receive on the job training while pursuing their industrial electronics degree," Dr. Chris Cox, LBWCC Interim President, concurred. "Apprenticeships have proven to prepare workers for highly-skilled jobs while meeting the needs of business and industry for many years. I can't tell you how excited LBWCC is to join ESCC in serving as a state model for an apprenticeship. To my knowledge, this unique partnership is the first time two colleges in Alabama have joined together to sponsor apprentices for a

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Views From
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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took our grandson Lawson shopping for clothes over the weekend and for the first time ever let him pick out his own clothes. We did direct him toward the items on sale, but he still picked out over a dozen t-shirts and four pairs of shoes. Since he will be the one wearing the clothes I had no problem with his picks, but I thought he never wore anything but flip flops. So, I am anxious to see if he wears all the new footwear in the weeks to come.

For what it is worth...

*** **High school football practice officially started** last week all across the state, and while everyone was happy to see the players in pads, it meant the season can't be far away and that all area fans need to get ready. Numbers are down a little at a number of area schools, which has caused some coaches to work the players a little harder. However, at least two schools are boasting one of their biggest rosters ever and have the coaches and fans excited. While fans always like to predict how many games their team will win in a season, this year the fans are predicting how many games will be played before the season is shut down. That's one prediction I refused to even consider!

*** **The big news last week in the college football** world was that the Southeastern Conference had made the decision to play a 10-game schedule, with only SEC teams on the new schedule. The season will now start on Sept. 26, with each team having a week off in mid-season and having an open date the week before the conference championship. All 14 SEC teams usually play eight conference opponents, including all the teams in their divisions. However, now league officials will draw up a new schedule for all the teams with non-division opponents based upon a formula that includes each team's win-loss record in the previous season. The fact the SEC is trying to salvage a season is the good news, while the bad news is the financial loss to teams from outside the SEC that were on team schedules. The loss to 'Group of Five' teams like Alabama State and Kent State will reportedly amount to \$36 million, with losses also hitting the pocket books of other FSC teams. The crazy college football season only gets crazier each and every day, but at least as of now it will still be played.

*** **The SEC's decision last week** to play a conference only schedule obviously had a major impact on the entire world of collegiate football, but also resulted the cancellation of 56 games involving SEC teams and out of conference opponents. Some 'rivalry' games that were victims of the change included Florida at Florida State, Georgia Tech at Georgia, Kentucky at Louisville and South Carolina at Clemson. The South Carolina-Clemson game had been played 110 straight years, even during World War II, while the Ga Tech-Georgia game had been played every year for 95 years and the Florida-Florida State game had been on the schedule 61 straight years. Some 'interesting' games dropped from the schedule included Arkansas at Notre Dame, Texas at LSU, Tennessee at Oklahoma, Mississippi State at North Carolina State, Troy at Tennessee and Georgia Southern at Ole Miss. Not all games that were canceled were going to be worth watching to anyone other than the fans of the home team, with 'cupcakes' being washed away including Alcorn State at Auburn, Eastern Washington at Florida, Central Arkansas at Missouri, East Tennessee State at Georgia, UT Martin at Alabama, Alabama A & M at Mississippi State, and Wofford at South Carolina. I wonder how many team schedules were already printed and if they will become collectors' items.

*** **Since Barbour County was mired** in a 60-game losing streak in football, I had already predicted that the Jaguars would cancel the 2020 football season. What I didn't predict; however, was that the Jaguars would also cancel all sports for the entire school year. Since the move down to Class 1A it was almost a given Barbour County would be a favorite to win the state title in basketball. So, the decision will make a lot of 1A teams across the state mighty happy.

*** **In closing....** Hall of Fame high school coach Doyle Kinsaul passed away last week, leaving a hole in the hearts of his family members, all his former players and the thousands of people who considered it an honor to call him a friend. While I don't remember him coaching, I will always remember seeing him and his wife sitting at courtside at Straughn basketball games and always made a point to shake his hand at every game I officiated at the school. The handshake was out of respect for a man that devoted most of his adult life to coaching and had a major impact on the lives of hundreds of school children, and 'his corner' will always be a special place and help everyone remember him in years to come.

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During upcoming season**No culls for state's alligator hunters**

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

With Alabama's 2020 alligator season only a couple of weeks away, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division wants to remind those lucky tag holders about the no-cull rule in effect.

With the exception of the Lake Eufaula Zone, tag holders are not allowed to release an alligator after it has been captured. The exception for the Lake Eufaula Zone is because it is the only zone that has a minimum size length, which is 8 feet total length. In this zone, only alligators that are under 8 feet in length may be released after capture. In all other zones, culling is completely prohibited.

"Many folks who have been going to classes for years and are now getting the training online understand about culling," said WFF Director Chuck Sykes. "However, I think some hunters have abused our leniency in enforcing the regulation. We just want to make sure that everybody is aware that culling is not a legal practice. This is not a fishing trip where you practice catch-and-release. This is a cold-blooded animal that expends a great deal of energy during the fight and that could end up as an unexpected mortality."

"When you have 5,000 or so people apply for one of these coveted tags, we don't want people abusing the process and making it look like a catch-and-release fishing tournament. We just wanted to clarify that culling is not allowed."

Wildlife Section Chief Keith Gauldin said this regulation has been in effect since Alabama's 2018 alligator season.

"Just as you don't capture and release any other game animal, hunters are not allowed to practice releasing alligators unless they are hunting in the Lake Eufaula Zone, where there is a minimum harvest length of 8 feet," Gauldin said. "A captured gator is your gator, so be sure to review the training videos on the website. The videos give you helpful tips on how to judge the size of an alligator."

Gauldin said there is a direct correlation between the

distance from the gator's nostrils to its eyes and the total length of the animal. If the distance from the nostrils to the eyes is 10 inches, the estimated total length of the alligator would be 10 feet. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/alligator-hunt-tag-training-videos for the six training videos and one that explains the no-cull regulation.

Tag holders must abide by the rule that applies when an alligator is "captured."

"In the past, we have seen individuals on social media posting alligators that they have captured, taken pictures of and then released," Gauldin said. "We don't want hunters to cause any undue stress on these animals."

"By regulation, an alligator is considered captured once it is secured with a snare around a leg or the head and is secured boat-side and in control. It must be immediately dispatched and the temporary tag applied. We want to stress that before hunters pursue an alligator and throw a hook at it or any of the legal means of catching an alligator, they should view that gator and estimate its size closely. They need to make sure that's the one they want to harvest."

Gauldin said another rule that will be closely enforced has to do with boats providing assistance during the pursuit of an alligator.

"When hunting parties have multiple vessels involved, only the boat with the tag holder can have the capture equipment in it," he said. "The other vessels that are assisting can only have spotlights but no capture equipment."

Capture methods are restricted to hand-held snares, snatch hooks (hand-held or rod/reel), harpoons (with attached line), and bowfishing equipment (with line attached from arrow to bow or crossbow). The use of bait is not allowed.

Gauldin said the WFF's Enforcement Section will be out in full force during the alligator season to ensure the regulations are followed.

"There is a high likelihood hunters will be checked by a Conservation Enforcement Officer at least on one of the nights of the season," he said. "It's a good idea to put all of your identification, hunting li-

cense and alligator tag in a Ziploc bag for easy access instead of having to dig it out of your wallet at one o'clock in the morning. Have that ready for presentation when you get checked. It will make it easier for our officers and make for a more timely check for the hunters."

Gauldin also wants hunters to refrain from consuming alcohol during the hunts.

"We want hunters to have a good time but a safe time," he said. "Combining alcohol and alligator hunting is not a good idea."

"And make sure everyone has a PFD (personal flotation device). It's a good idea to have that PFD on if the boat is under throttle, especially at night. Obstructions are much harder to see at night. We just want them to have a safe hunt."

The Alabama alligator season is broken into five zones throughout south Alabama, the traditional range of alligators in the state.

The zone where Alabama's first season originated is the Southwest Zone, which has the most tags (100). The Southwest Zone includes all of Mobile and Baldwin counties north of I-10 and private and public waters in Washington, Clarke and Monroe counties that lie east of U.S. Highway 43 and south of U.S. Highway 84. The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 13 until sunrise on August 16 and sunset on August 20 to sunrise on August 23.

The Coastal Zone (50 tags) was created last year to address the rising interaction between alligators and the human population along the Coast, where WFF receives most of its nuisance alligator com-

plaints. The Coastal Zone includes the private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties that lie south of I-10. The 2020 season dates are the same as the Southwest Zone.

The Southeast Zone (40 tags) covers the private and public waters in Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Russell counties, excluding Alabama state public waters in Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries. The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 8 until sunrise on September 7.

The West Central Zone (50 tags) includes private and public waters in Monroe (north of U.S. Highway 84), Wilcox, and Dallas counties. The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 13 to sunrise on August 16 and sunset on August 20 to sunrise on August 23.

The Lake Eufaula Zone (20 tags) includes Alabama state public waters in Walter F. George Reservoir (Lake Eufaula) and its navigable tributaries, south of Highway 208, Omaha Bridge (excluding Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge). The 2020 season dates are sunset on August 14 until sunrise on October 5. The Lake Eufaula Zone is the only zone that allows daytime hunting.

Alabama's alligator harvest numbers have been consistent at between 65 and 70 percent of the available tags since the program's inception.

And one never knows when another monster gator will be hauled in that rivals the current world record of 15 feet, 9 inches and 1,011.5 pounds that was harvested in 2014 by Mandy Stokes of Camden.

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SPORTS NEWS

Zion Chapel Rebels

2020 Football Schedule

Aug. 28	Kinston	Home
Sept. 4	Abbeville	Home
Sept. 11	Elba	Away
Sept. 18	Houston County	Home
Sept. 25	Samson	Away
Oct. 2	G.W. Long	Away
Oct. 9	Ariton	Away
Oct. 16	Cottonwood	Home
Oct. 23	Geneva County	Away
Oct. 30	Pleasant Home	Home

Rebel Ramblings

Team Timeline

- 1971 First Playoff Appearance
- 1974 First Playoff Win
- 1974 First Undeclared Season
- 1974 First 12-Win Season
- 1974 First Region Championship

Regional Championships

- 1974 – 1979

Overall Record

- 200-382-1
- Seasons – 59
- Winning Seasons – 17
- Most Wins in a Season – 13 (1974)
- Most Losses in a Season – 10 (2013)
- Most Points Scored in a Game – 67 (2008)
- Most Points Allowed in a Game – 68 (2015)
- Longest Winning Streak – 13
- Longest Losing Streak – 16

Coaches – Most Wins

- John Frank Hudson 54-50
- David Collins 32-47
- Mike Waters 15-26
- Harry Lees 15-27
- Randy Bryant 13-18
- Randy Grant 13-18

In new region alignment

Zion Chapel faces challenging schedule

The Zion Chapel Rebels will head into battle this season as a member of Class 2A, Area 2, and will face one of their most challenging seasons ever as the Rebels have never defeated four of the teams in the seven-team region, have a losing record against two other region rivals and have never played the final member of the region.

Following is a preview of the 2020 high school football season:

Aug. 28 Kinston (1A)

Zion Chapel will open its season at home when it hosts the Kinston Bulldogs, in the renewal of a long time cross-county rivalry. The Rebels have won two of the last three meetings by a combined score of 71-42, while the Bulldogs have struggled to two straight losing seasons and over the last four seasons have posted a record of only 11-29. The Rebels own a 25-20 series edge.

Sept. 4 Abbeville (R)

Zion Chapel will kick off region play in week #2 when it hosts the Abbeville Yellowjackets. The Rebels have never played Abbeville on the gridiron, while the Yellowjackets have posted three straight winning seasons with a combined record of 27-8 and have made four straight trips to the playoffs.

Sept. 11 at Elba (R)

Zion Chapel will hit the road in week #3 when they make the short trip to Elba to battle the Elba Tigers, in

a key region matchup. The Rebels are 0-10 all-time in the series against their county rivals, lost 62-0 last season, and have been shut-out in three of the last five meetings. The Tigers have posted three straight eight-win seasons after posting a combined record of 38-5 the previous three years, and have advanced to the playoffs 13 straight years.

Sept. 18 Houston Co. (R)

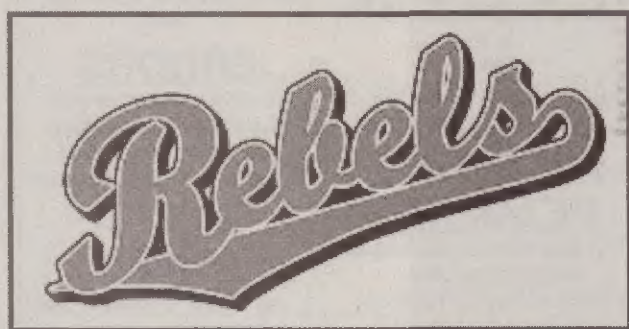
Zion Chapel will return home in week #4 when it hosts the Houston County Lions, in its third straight region clash. The Rebels are 0-6 all-time in the series and lost the last two meetings by a combined score of 93-7. The Lions have struggled to a 3-17 combined record the past two seasons after two straight winning seasons and two playoff appearances.

Sept. 25 at Samson (1A)

Zion Chapel will take a break from the region wars in week #5 when they travel to tangle with the Samson Tigers. The Rebels have a 4-13 series record against the 1A foe, have lost the last seven matchups and last season dropped a 35-19 decision. The Tigers have posted three straight four-win seasons after winning seven games the previous two years.

Oct. 2 at G.W. Long (R)

Zion Chapel will remain in region action in week #6 when it travels to Skipperville for a matchup against the G.W. Long Rebels. The Rebels from Coffee County



are 10-26 all-time against their region rivals, and have lost the last eleven meetings, including a 55-0 loss in the last meeting in 2013. The Rebels from Dale County posted ten wins last season after winning only three total games the previous two years.

Oct. 9 at Ariton (R)

Zion Chapel will hit the road for the third straight week in the seventh week of the season when it makes the short trip across the county line to tangle with the Ariton Purple Cats. The Rebels have a 12-39 all-time record in the series, have lost five of the last six meetings and dropped the last contest 38-2 back in 2017. The Purple Cats have posted four straight winning seasons and in the last three years have rolled to a 29-9 record, including five wins in the post-season.

Oct. 16 Cottonwood (R)

Zion Chapel will get to unpack its bags in week #8 when it returns home for a region clash against the Cottonwood Bears. The Rebels and Bears will be meeting for the first time in 17 years, and the Rebels own an 0-3 series record

against their new region rivals, including a 34-16 loss in the last meeting in 2003. The Bears last winning season was back in 2014 and over the last five seasons have a combined record of 16-34.

Oct. 23 at Geneva Co. (R)

Zion Chapel will close out region play on the road in a week #9 clash in Hartford against the Geneva County Bulldogs. The Rebels have only taken the field twice against the Bulldogs, own an 0-2 series record, and lost the last meeting 19-8 in 2007. The Bulldogs have posted a winning record two of the last three seasons and last season averaged over 44 points per game.

Oct. 30 Pl. Home (1A)

Zion Chapel will close out the regular season at home in a week #10 matchup with the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels own a 9-5 series edge, have won the last three meetings and eight of the last ten, including a 20-0 win last season. The Eagles have struggled to three straight losing seasons and over the last two years have posted a 3-17 combined record.

Two cross-county rivals

Brantley schedule includes non-region powers

The Brantley Bulldogs will be prohibitive favorites to claim their second straight Class 1A, Region 1 title this season, but will face a trio of non-region foes that include a pair of 2A rivals from inside Crenshaw County and a 5A power from across the county line.

Following is a preview of this season's football schedule:

Aug. 28 Luverne (2A)

Brantley will kick off its season at home with a cross-county clash with the 2A Luverne Tigers, in the 86th meeting between the county rivals. The Bulldogs own a 29-55-3 series record and have lost the last five meetings, including a 47-14 loss last season. The Tigers have posted five straight winning seasons and in the last three years own a 34-6 record.

Sept. 4 at Kinston (R)

Brantley will enter region play on the road in a week #2 matchup with the Kinston Bulldogs. The Bulldogs from Crenshaw County own a 30-4 series record and have won 22 straight meetings, including a 55-13 win last season. The Bulldogs from Coffee County have struggled to two straight losing campaigns and in the two-year skid own a combined record of 5-15.

Sept. 11 McKenzie (R)

Brantley will remain in the region wars in week #3 when it hosts the McKenzie Tigers. The Bulldogs own a 36-17-2 series edge against their longtime rivals, have won 18 of the last 19 meetings, and last season rolled to a 47-6 win. The Tigers have struggled to three straight losing seasons with a combined record of 5-25.

Sept. 18 Pl. Home (R)

Brantley will stay at home in week #4 when it hosts the Pleasant Home Eagles, in a key region clash. The Bulldogs own a 19-1 series edge, have won 18 straight meetings, posted a 35-0 win last season, and over the last four years have outscored their region rivals 186-13. The Eagles have suffered three straight losing seasons and over the last two years have a 3-17 combined record.

Sept. 25 at High. Home

Brantley will step away from the region wars in week #5 when they head up Highway 331 for a clash with the Highland Home Flying Squadron. The Bulldogs own a 53-22 series edge and have won the last six matchups, including a 49-14 win in the last meeting back in 2015. The Flying Squadron posted a 3-7 record last season, with all seven losses being forfeits, and over the last two seasons in on-field play have posted a 22-2 slate.

Oct. 2 at Samson (R)

Brantley will jump back into region play in week #6 when it travels to Samson for a matchup against the Samson Tigers. The Bulldogs and Tigers have split their twelve regular season contests and will be meeting for the first time in 37 years, with the Bulldogs winning the last matchup 23-6 in 1983. The Tigers have posted three straight four-win seasons after three straight trips to the post-season.

Oct. 9 at Georgiana (R)

Brantley will head back on the road in week #7 when it travels for a key region clash against the Georgiana Panthers. The Bulldogs own a 12-23-2 series record against their

Brantley Bulldogs

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Sept. 11	McKenzie	Home
Sept. 18	Pleasant Home	Home
Sept. 25	Highland Home	Away
Oct. 2	Samson	Away
Oct. 9	Georgiana	Away
Oct. 16	Red Level	Home
Oct. 23	Floral	Away
Oct. 30	Charles Henderson	Away

longtime region rivals and snapped a four-game losing streak last season with a 61-28 win. The Panthers struggled to a 5-6 record last season after winning 46 games over the previous four years.

Oct. 16 Red Level (R)

Brantley will be back home in week #8 and will remain in region play when it hosts the Red Level Tigers. The Bulldogs own a 42-14 series edge, have won 16 straight and 19 of the last 20 meetings, and last year posted a 41-13 win. The Tigers enjoyed their last winning season back in 2006 and over the last nine years have suffered two 9-loss and three 10-loss seasons.

Oct. 23 at Floral (R)

Brantley will close out re-

gion play in a week #9 clash on the road against the Floral Wildcats. The Bulldogs own a 23-3-1 series edge and have won the last 22 meetings, including a 55-14 win last season. The Wildcats posted a 7-4 record last season, their first winning record since 2014.

Oct. 30 at, Charles Henderson (SA)

Brantley will close out regular season play in a week #10 road clash against the 5A Charles Henderson Trojans. The Bulldogs own an 0-4-1 series record, and lost the last meeting 33-7 way back in 1957. The Trojans have struggled to two straight losing seasons, but have advanced to post-season play 10 straight years.



Bulldog Tracks

Team Timeline

- 1974 First Playoff Appearance
- 1974 First Region Championship
- 1976 First Playoff Win
- 1976 First 10-0 Regular Season
- 1993 First 15-Win Season

Championships

- State
- 1993 – 1998 – 2009 – 2012

Region

- 1974 – 1976 – 1977 – 1978 – 1982 – 1983 – 1984 – 1985 – 1988 – 1992 – 1993 – 1994 – 1995 – 1997 – 1998 – 1999 – 2000 – 2002 – 2003 – 2004 – 2005 – 2006 – 2007 – 2008 – 2009 – 2011 – 2-12 – 2013 – 2014 – 2019

Team Record 565-331-15

- Seasons 95
- Winning Records 54
- Most Points in a Game – 72 (2019)
- Most Points Allowed in a Game – 63 (1955)
- Longest Winning Streak – 22
- Longest Losing Streak – 15

Coaches – Wins

- David Lowery 156-27
- Paul Woolley 59-32-1
- Mike Sasser 51-8-1
- Ashley Kilcrease 48-16 Roland Jones 30-19
- Bernie Sullivan 30-19-1

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Mayor

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Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Carla Jones Walker, Personal Representative on the 16th day of July, 2020, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate
7/23,30&8/6-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF EUGENE GRANTHAM, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC-2020-043

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/s/ MARY K. GRANTHAM
Personal Representative

7/30, 8-6,13-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EDWARD HAROLD BERRY DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC 2020-044

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/s/ Candace B. Forbes
Candace B. Forbes, Petitioner's Signature
8/6,13&20-pd.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REBUILD ALABAMA PROJECT NO: RA-CCP 16-04-2020 COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Coffee County Commission at the Office Complex in New Brockton, Alabama, until 9:00 A.M., August 19, 2020, and at that time publicly open for constructing the following: **RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC STRIPE ON CR-110 FROM THE INTERSECTION AT SR-125 TO CR-105 COFFEE COUNTY, AL** The bracket estimate on this project is from \$475,000 to \$525,000. This bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award the contract. The entire project shall be completed in TWENTY (20) working days.

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These are additional chalk art creations completed by Melanie Diehl over the past few months in Elba. Citizens are encouraged to take a walk around the downtown sidewalks and check out all her creations!



PARTNER (Continued from Page FIVE)

local company. We are grateful for Wayne Farms and the opportunities they provide for our students."

Ian Campbell, director of Workforce Development for ESCC, explained. "We're working directly with industry to build a program to fill this need and also gives students opportunities right here—that's the entire goal," said Campbell. "A graduate of this apprenticeship program comes to work with skills that make them immediately valuable. With that kind of labor force available, this area is that much more attractive to companies and business locating here."

Enterprise native and Wayne Farms Enterprise complex manager Eddie Fortner had already been working with local high schools and colleges to identify promising mechanical and technical students who might be interested in a career in the poultry industry, so the program's creation was a natural evolution. The local colleges toured facilities with the Wayne Farms team, looking at the kinds of tasks and skills required, and identifying skills needed to develop curriculum. The end result was a melding of in-class education and job site paid internships that when completed can lead to apprenticeships and the opportunity for full-time employment at a highly competitive salary. "It gives an opportunity to get good people who are ready to work and know what we need, and it allows local residents the opportunity to work close to home rather than commute or relocate to find employment," said Fortner.

As technology becomes more advanced in industry, these "new collar" positions will require skills to match, giving people a career opportunity instead of just a job. High school vocational and technical students interested in the

program can inquire through their guidance counselor, and information is also available through both area community colleges.



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Native of Elba

"My father was a Baptist Minister, which took us away from Elba during my early years, but Elba was always our home. My family returned when I was in the 7th grade, and I am a 1981 graduate of Elba High School. A few years after college, I returned to Elba to raise my family. Through the years my family and I have been involved in community clubs, committees, and events to help promote Elba. Currently, we are active members of Elba United Methodist Church."

Successful Businessperson

"After returning to Elba, I served as Chief Financial Officer for Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. Upon ending my employment there in 1998, I owned H&R Block tax franchise offices for over 20 years. During this time, I oversaw the operations of local and remote locations and was responsible for the management and training of over 100 employees."

Growth and Expansion of Business

"I orchestrated the growth of a one office tax operation into one of the largest tax operations in the Eastern USA. Through the years of this growth, my organization was presented with numerous awards for client growth and exceptional management."

Strong Financial Background

"With years of business experience and an accounting degree, I have developed and administered large budgets for private funds and public funds. I understand the need for financial transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public dollars."

Economic Development Experience

"I understand we must actively and aggressively seek new businesses to come to Elba. I also understand we cannot sit and wait for businesses to come to Elba. I accompanied the former Mayor James Grimes and a delegation from Elba to Ohio for the initial visit with Toledo Molding and Dye to persuade them to bring their operation to Elba. I was also a part of the delegation that helped Elba achieve the Main Street designation. It is my desire to continue to persuade businesses to come to Elba."

Volunteer with the Elba Redevelopment Authority (ERA)

"The ERA is a committee of the City of Elba. The ERA holds buildings and properties, primarily located in downtown Elba, for business redevelopment. The committee has placed two new businesses in buildings in the past 2 1/2 years. The committee is dedicated to actively seeking uses for two more buildings in downtown Elba."

Believes in the Potential of Elba

"My personal investments in the City of Elba, with the renovating of various homes and commercial buildings and property in Elba, show I believe in Elba's future and its potential. Elba is a diverse city with diverse needs, and I believe each part of the city needs equal attention."



**On Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020, Vote to Elect
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More 'top readers' from the Elba Library's Summer Learning Program



4th Grader AnnaKate Isaacs read 1,133 pages over the course of the summer program.



6th Grader Trent Thompson read 1,731 pages over the course of the summer program.



4th Grader Alana Barton read 2,821 pages over the course of the summer program.

VOTE CHELSEA COOPER THE MAYOR FOR ELBA'S FUTURE!



Born and raised in Elba, Alabama, Chelsea is a 2002 graduate of Elba High School. Chelsea pursued her undergraduate at the University of South Alabama before attending law school on a full scholarship at the University of Alabama. Gavin and Chelsea chose to return to their hometown of Elba to raise their family. They have two wonderful daughters, Cora (7) and Farris (3).

THE ISSUES...

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Chelsea is committed to recruiting new small business and industry to Elba while also supporting the growth and development of the businesses that have made the commitment to stay in Elba. We want our children to have the opportunity to stay in Elba and thrive in their careers.

CRIME & HOMELESSNESS: You should feel safe in your home. Elba needs strong leadership to encourage Police to investigate crimes, secure warrants, and arrest criminals. Elba needs a proactive approach in tackling the issues of drug abuse and homelessness, which are far too widespread in a town of 4,000 citizens.

HOUSING AND RECREATION: Chelsea believes that, in order to recruit new businesses and industry, you must have a town in which people want to live. Elba has an abundance of natural resources for outdoor enthusiasts, as well as family friendly parks, and an active recreation department. Chelsea also believes that new housing development is critical to attracting the young families that Elba is consistently losing to neighboring towns.

SCHOOLS: As graduates of Elba High School with children coming up in the Elba City School system, Chelsea and Gavin are committed advocates for excellence in our city schools.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Chelsea believes that our citizens deserve well-maintained streets and that the City of Elba should prioritize repairs and paving based on severity of the problem, not what street it's on.



1st Grader Colton Dye read 1,073 pages over the course of the summer program.



1st Grader Tykiem Flowers read 592 pages over the course of the summer program.

Surging COVID-19 cases lengthen turnaround time for testing

The State of Alabama continues to experience increases in the number of COVID-19 cases. While there has been a recent decline in the percentage of persons who test positive, the state is currently facing a surge that has overwhelmed Alabama's ability to provide test results within the 2- to 3-day turnaround time needed to expeditiously make quarantine and care decisions.

The "turnaround time," which is the time from when specimens are received in the laboratory to reporting of the results, is increasing due to a number of factors, including supply chain issues with test reagents, an overall

increased demand for tests nationwide, and in some cases, increased numbers of unnecessary tests.

The current turnaround time for most COVID-19 testing performed in Alabama by commercial laboratories and the state laboratory is now averaging about 7 days. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) recognizes that this is too long and asks for consumers and physicians and other providers to help in making sure that those who are most vulnerable become the focus for testing; the elderly, those in congregate living settings, healthcare personnel, those with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and those with underlying medical conditions that place them most at risk.

Retesting to obtain negative results before an employee is allowed to

return to work is not recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or by ADPH. In addition, all persons with symptoms and all persons with a known exposure to a COVID-19 positive case should quarantine for at least 14 days. A negative test does not eliminate this requirement for quarantine when the person is a close contact to a COVID-19 positive case or remains symptomatic without another diagnosis.

For specific information of Isolation and Quarantine Guidance visit <https://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-tim-frames-isolation-quarantine-hcp.pdf> for non-healthcare personnel and at <https://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-tim-frames-isolation-quarantine-hcp.pdf> for healthcare personnel.

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